

CITY OF TIGARD, OREGON
TIGARD CITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION NO. 07-30

A RESOLUTION OF THE TIGARD CITY COUNCIL ADOPTING AN INTERIM TREE BOARD CHARGE STATEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING A COMPREHENSIVE TREE PROTECTION AND URBAN FOREST ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the current charge of the Tree Board (Council resolution 01-02) requires it to, “develop and administer a comprehensive tree management program for the maintenance, removal, replacement and protection of trees on public property”; and

WHEREAS, the Board’s current charge does not provide the latitude for it to undertake other important community tasks related to stewardship of Tigard’s tree resources; and

WHEREAS, the City is engaged in update of the Tigard Comprehensive Plan and the Tree Board’s services are needed to address the important matters of tree stewardship and enhancement of the City’s urban forest, because:

- a. Urban development has resulted in loss of trees;
- b. Trees and other natural resources contribute to Tigard’s quality of life and overall environmental quality;
- c. Urban density, unless well designed, results in loss of trees and private open space;
- d. An attractive, treed environment is a component of an economically prosperous community;
- e. A balance is needed between tree stewardship and the need for efficient use of valuable urban lands;
- f. A sound technical basis is needed for useable and up-to-date tree codes and standards;
- g. Tree stewardship and urban forest enhancement provides civic engagement opportunities; and
- h. A healthy urban forest and its associated benefits require active management.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tigard City Council that:

SECTION 1: For the purposes of developing a comprehensive City Tree Stewardship and Urban Forest Enhancement Program, the Tree Board shall have the following responsibilities in addition to those spelled out in its existing mission statement.

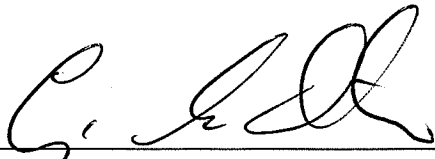
- a. The Tree Board shall work with the Planning Commission to update the City's Comprehensive Plan by developing Comprehensive Plan background information (findings) and goals, policies, and action measures pertaining to tree stewardship and the contribution of trees and other vegetation to Tigard’s quality of life.
- b. The Tree Board shall recommend updated goals, policies, action measures, and background information to the Planning Commission. The Board shall participate in the Commission’s joint work sessions to review/discuss the same. These amendments to the Comprehensive Plan are subject to Planning Commission public hearings and recommendation to the City Council.

- c. The Tree Board shall propose a tree stewardship program for Planning Commission consideration which shall consist of municipal code and land use regulations to implement the above "Trees and Vegetation" Comprehensive Plan goals, policies, and action measures. Proposed Municipal and Development Code amendments shall be subject to review by the City Attorney. Proposed land-use code changes shall be subject to public hearings and recommendation to Council by the Planning Commission. The Tree Board shall participate with the Commission in work sessions to review/discuss the same.
- d. The Tree Board may also make other general recommendations to enhance urban forest resources for City consideration such as public education, incentives, tree planting programs, and arboriculture practices, etc.
- e. The Tree Board shall review recommendations from staff to develop specific interim tree code standards intended to prevent tree removal during the period it takes to develop the City's tree stewardship program. The Tree Board shall participate in work sessions with the Planning Commission prior to the Commission holding public hearings to recommend the interim standards to Council.
- f. The Tree Board, in consultation with the Planning Commission and Committee for Citizen Involvement, shall develop and implement a public information and involvement program to hear public concerns and suggestions regarding tree stewardship and urban forestry enhancement in Tigard. In addition, the Tree Board shall prepare a citizen involvement report as part of the record of its proceedings.
- g. Every three months the Tree Board shall forward a report of its progress to the City Council and Planning Commission. Initially, the Tree Board shall prepare a schedule and scope of work as the first step to implement this mission.

SECTION 2: Upon adoption of the Tree Protection Program, the Tree Board's charge statement shall be reevaluated to address public issues associated with the urban forest and other natural resources as seen fit by the City Council

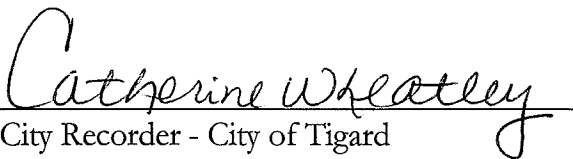
SECTION 3: This resolution is effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED: This 22nd day of May 2007.



Mayor - City of Tigard

ATTEST:



City Recorder - City of Tigard